

Appl. No. 10/672,676
Amdt. dated December 7, 2004
Reply to Office action of October 1, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have received the Office action dated October 1, 2004, in which the Examiner: 1) rejected claims 28 and 44 under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph, as "failing to comply with the enablement requirement"; 2) rejected claims 21-27, 29, 31, 35-43 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a); and 3) objected to claims 33 and 34 as being "dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten."

Claims 33 and 34 have been amended to include all of the limitations of the previous base claim. Claims 31 and 35-37 have been amended to depend from claim 33. Claims 46-48 depend from claim 33. Claims 49-55 depend from claim 34. Therefore, all of the claims either directly contain subject matter that the Examiner has found to be allowable or depend from claims that contain allowable subject matter.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failing to show all of the features claimed in claims 28, 30, 37, and 44. Claims 28, 30, 37, and 44 have been cancelled, therefore no amendments to the drawings are required.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,



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